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TO : AD/RR

FROM : Chief, D/A

SUBJECT: "Economic Defense Division"

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1. With reference to Office Notice R52-22, "Proposed Reorganization of Economic Divisions, ORR", I recommend that the name of this division be changed from Economic Warfare Division to Economic Defense Division. Personally I regard "economic defense" as a euphemism for "economic warfare". The definitions of the JCS and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces recognize "economic warfare" as including measures in both peace and war, but the State Department makes a distinction. In the Reference Manual on Economic Defense issued by ODMS, John Leddy of State Department says:

"You will note that I have used the term 'economic defense' rather than 'economic warfare'. I have done so advisedly. Economic defense is not merely a soft phrase for economic warfare. It represents a distinct concept. It is aimed at more precise and more limited objectives. It is carried out internationally in a different political and military context. It involves an entirely different method of execution."

2. The unit in State charged with operations in this field is known as the "Economic Defense Staff" and the advisory committee to the Administrator of the Battle Act is known as the "Economic Defense Advisory Committee". For these reasons and waiving the semantic and epistemological considerations, I recommend "Economic Defense Division".

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